are arranged to provide tactile feedback to a user removing the inventory item from the recess and/or placing it therein.

**30**. The method according to claim **28**, wherein the formations include at least one of the following: a substantially continuous overhanging lip that extends around the rim of the recess, one or more lip portions arranged to extend partially around the rim, an undercut portion and at least one protrusion or rib in a side wall the recess.

**31**. The inventory control system according to claim **23**, wherein the receptacle includes a plurality of through holes for receiving equipment associated with the inventory item monitoring system.

**32**. The inventory control system according to claim **23**, wherein the receptacle includes inventory item identification indicia adjacent each recess.

**33**. The inventory control system according to claim **23**, wherein the storage receptacle includes textured areas in each recess and/or on the material surrounding each recess to provide an improved visual contrast between the recesses and the surrounding material.

**34**. The inventory control system according to claim **23**, wherein the receptacle includes first and second sheets of mouldable material layered one on top of the other, with portions of one of the first and second sheets having been removed to expose the other of the first and second sheets.

**35**. The inventory control system according to claim **23**, wherein the receptacle is coated with paint, dye, ink or similar in order to produce contrasting colours for the recesses and the surrounding material.

**36**. The inventory control system according to claim **23**, wherein the receptacle is made from a deformable material, wherein the recesses have been formed by forcing an object having the shape of the tool into the material and then treating the material to fix the shape of the recesses.

**37**. The inventory control system according to claim **23**, wherein the monitoring system includes at least one of a sensor system, a camera system with image recognition, a camera system with optical character recognition, and at least one barcode reading device.

**38**. The inventory control system according to claim **37**, wherein the sensor system includes a plurality of sensors for sensing the presence of inventory items in the storage locations, each sensor being associated with a storage location and arranged to generate a signal representing the presence or absence of an inventory item in the associated storage location.

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